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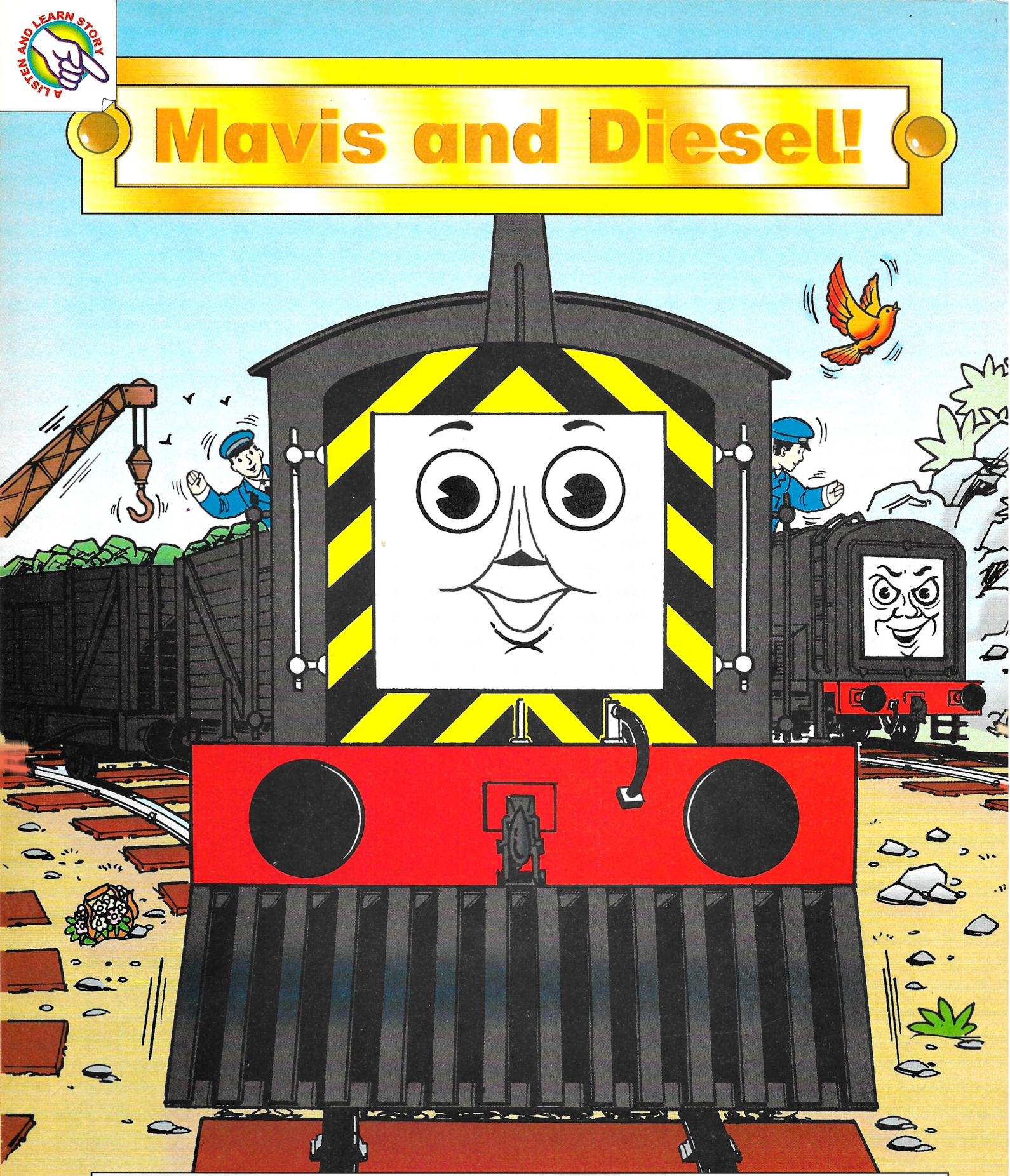
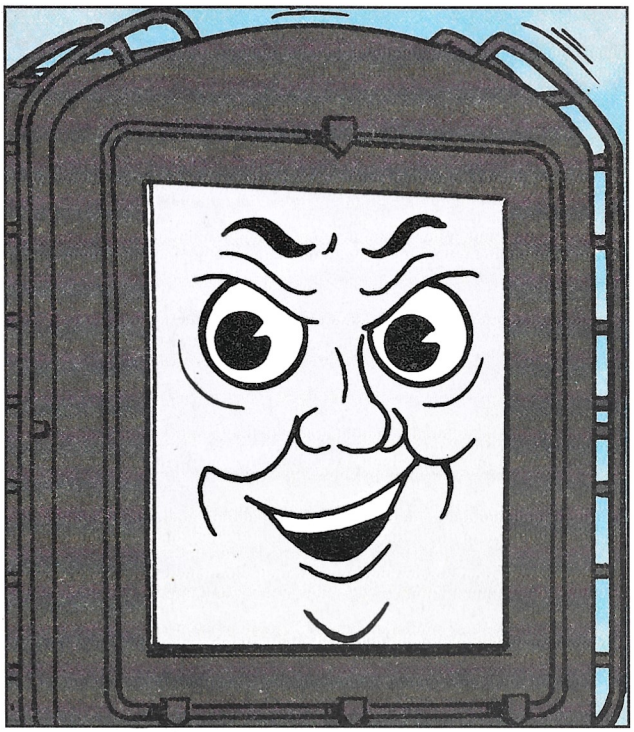
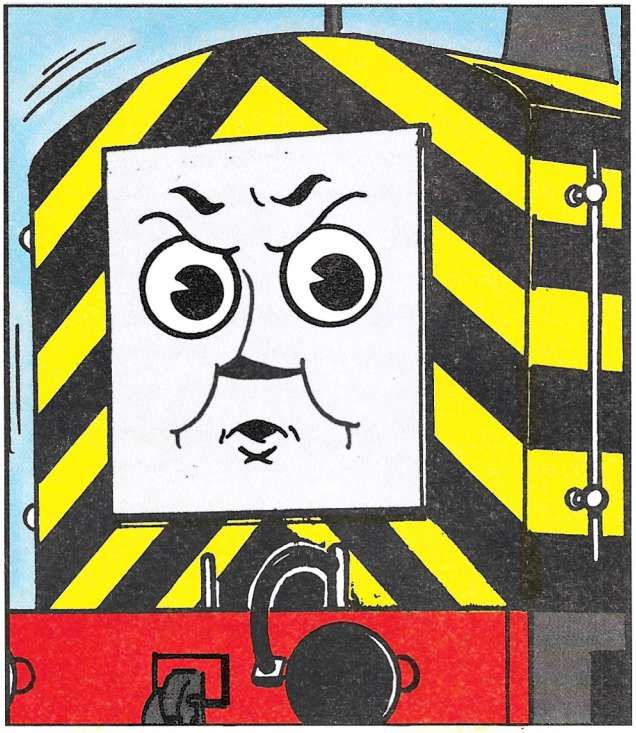


1. Mavis was very busy at the quarry. There were lots of trucks full of heavy stone to be moved. Diesel was sent to help her.

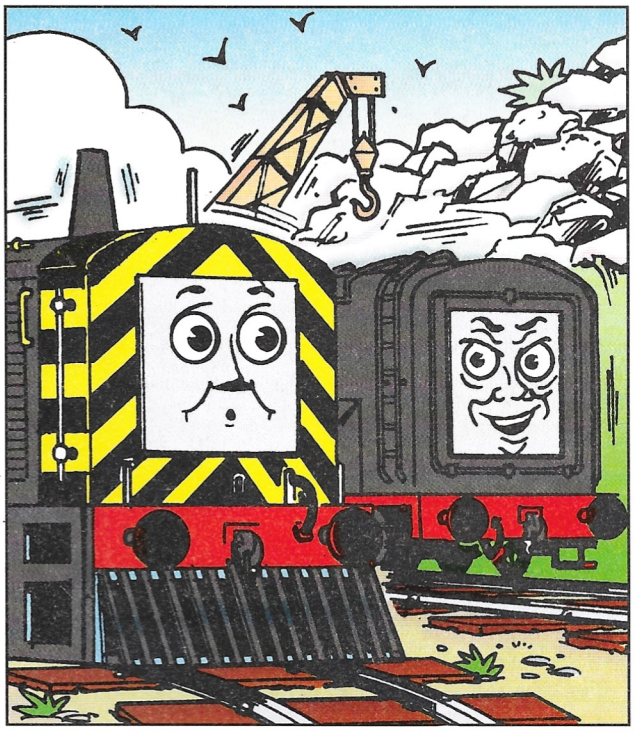
2. "I can shunt all those trucks on my own!" he told Mavis in his oily voice. "Stone trucks need careful handling!" warned Mavis.



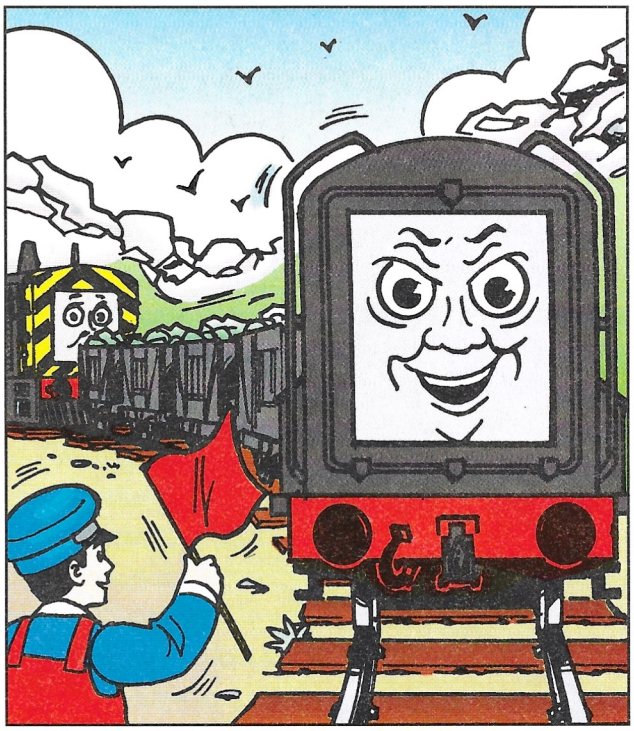
3. “Pah! Rubbish!” snorted Diesel. “Trucks are trucks, whatever’s in them. Just you see how easily I pull them!” Mavis was cross.



4. She was a strong diesel too. But Mavis knew that using two diesel engines to move so many trucks would be safer than one.



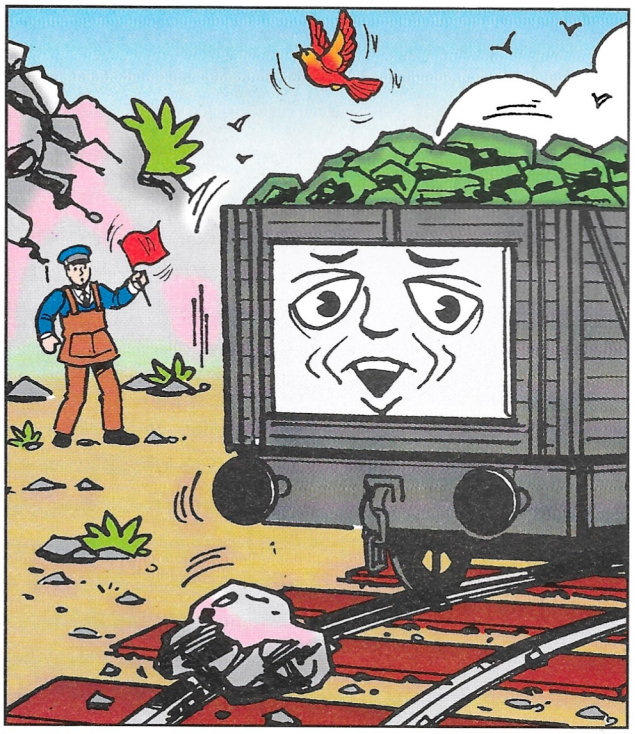
5. “You can’t do the work by yourself!” Mavis told Diesel. Both their drivers agreed. “Mavis will slow me down!” growled Diesel.

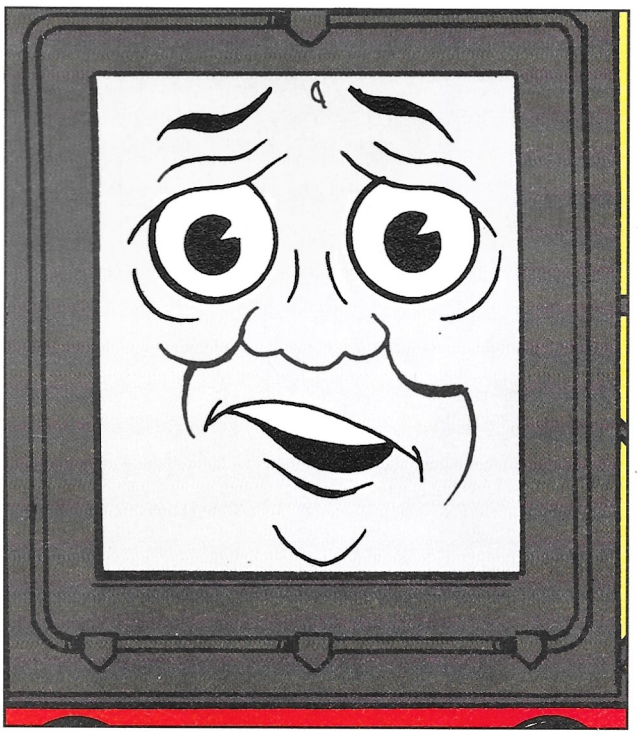


6. He was coupled to some trucks. Mavis brought up more to be joined behind Diesel. But he raced away without waiting for her.

7. “Hey! Come back!” Mavis called. “Not likely! You’re a slowcoach!” said Diesel. He sped across the quarry, his trucks bumping about.

8. “Slow down!” warned Mavis. Too late! Some big lumps of stone fell off Diesel’s trucks. One bit rolled on to the track.



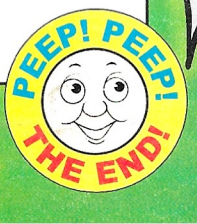


9. Mavis was following and had to brake hard to stop her trucks hitting the stone. “They might have been derailed!” she fumed.

10. “It’s your own fault,” Diesel replied. “Didn’t I warn you to keep out of my way?” Soon Mavis’s trucks were coupled to Diesel’s

11. "You pull them all and I'll push!" said Mavis. "I can pull you too!" boasted Diesel. He tried to pull away too fast. There was a loud CLANG! and he left the trucks behind. "What's happened?" cried Diesel. "Look! You've broken your coupling hook!" said Mavis.

12. Diesel could not pull trucks now, only push them, so Mavis had to go to the front of the train. Diesel did not like being at the back. But this time he went steadily. "Remember! Always use care as well as strength!" Mavis smiled. "All right!" hissed Diesel.



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Here's the fourth part of our exclusive offer: a unique opportunity to collect a range of hand painted Thomas door plaques, coat pegs, wall clocks and bookends! If you've missed any parts of this great offer, don't worry, you can order the full range in the final part of our offer!

Last issue, you could order your own personalised **Thomas wall clock!** Here, we are offering you the opportunity to send off for **Thomas bookends**. Each bookend shows Thomas and James in their engine sheds. What a great way to keep all your Thomas the Tank Engine railway books neat and tidy!

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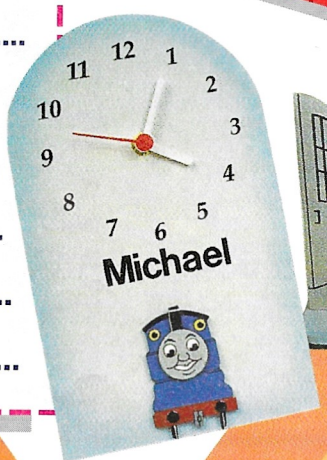
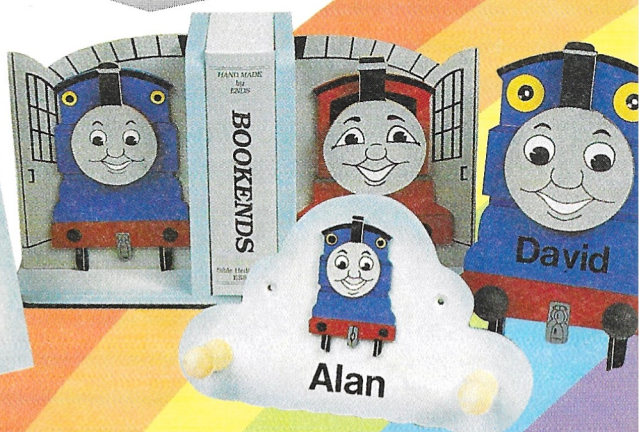




Flying Thomas!

Thomas was worried. He had not been working very well. However hard he huffed and puffed, he could not go as fast as usual.

"Oh, dear! What's wrong with me?" he gasped.

Next morning, in the Main Station yard, the Fat Controller came to see Thomas.

"I'm sending you to the Works today," he told the little tank engine. "You need a good clean and check-up. Then you'll really fly along!"

"Thank you, sir!" replied Thomas. But he was puzzled. "Whoever heard of an engine flying?" thought Thomas. "Birds and aeroplanes fly, but engines don't!"

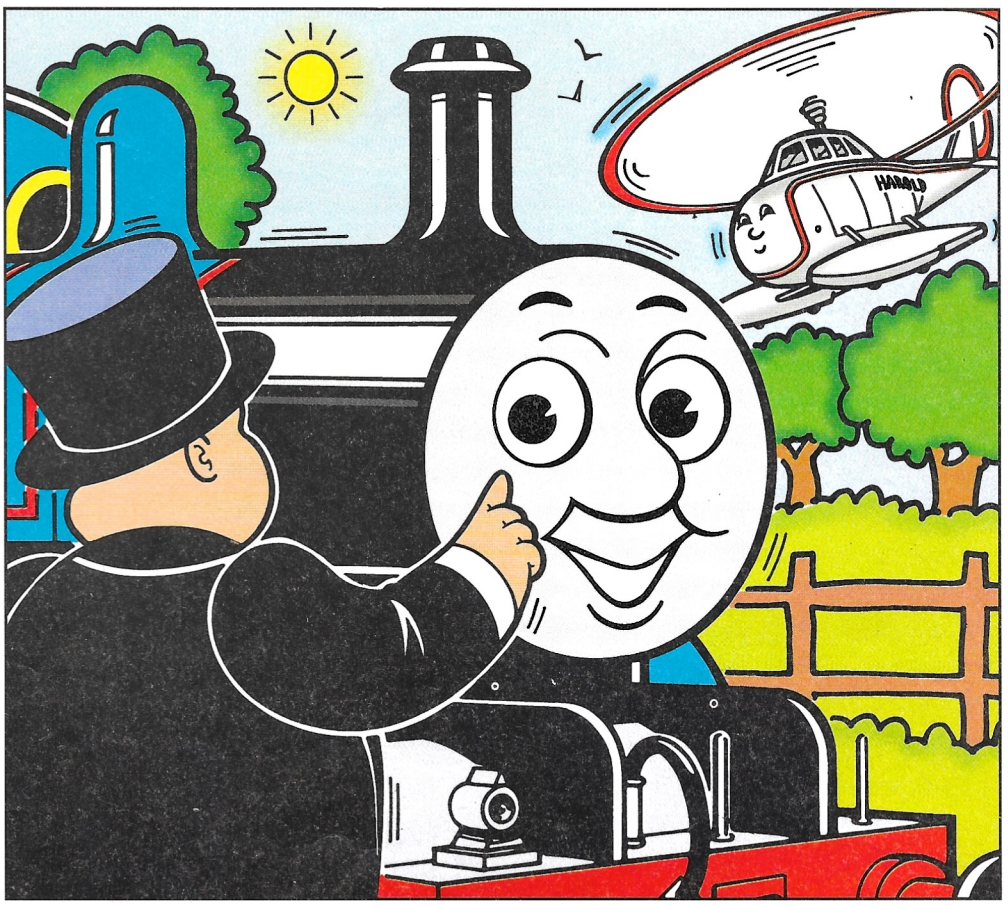
The Fat Controller was very busy. He hurried off before Thomas could ask him about 'flying along'. Next moment, Harold the Helicopter appeared, hovering overhead.

"Hello, Thomas!" he called. "I'm off to the mainland to collect a passenger. Flying is the modern way to travel!"

"I know!" said Thomas proudly. "I'll be flying soon, too!"

He told Harold what the Fat Controller had said.

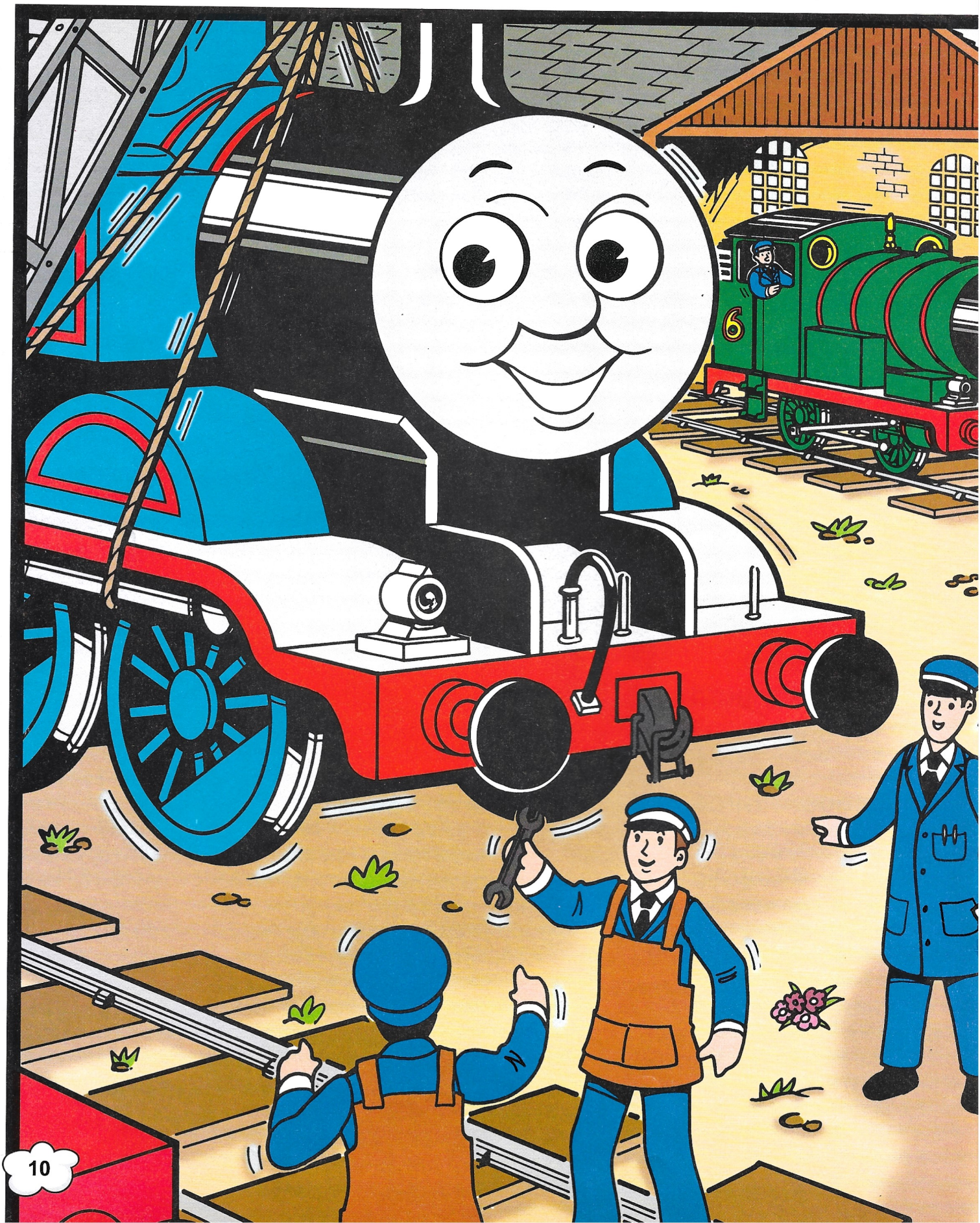
"He just meant you would go along very quickly, not go up in the air!" laughed Harold.



Thomas felt hot and bothered. "Oh! How silly of me!" he said, hissing steam.

Later, Thomas arrived at the Works. Outside, in the yard, a big crane lifted him above the rails. Then men could go underneath him to change some of his wheels.

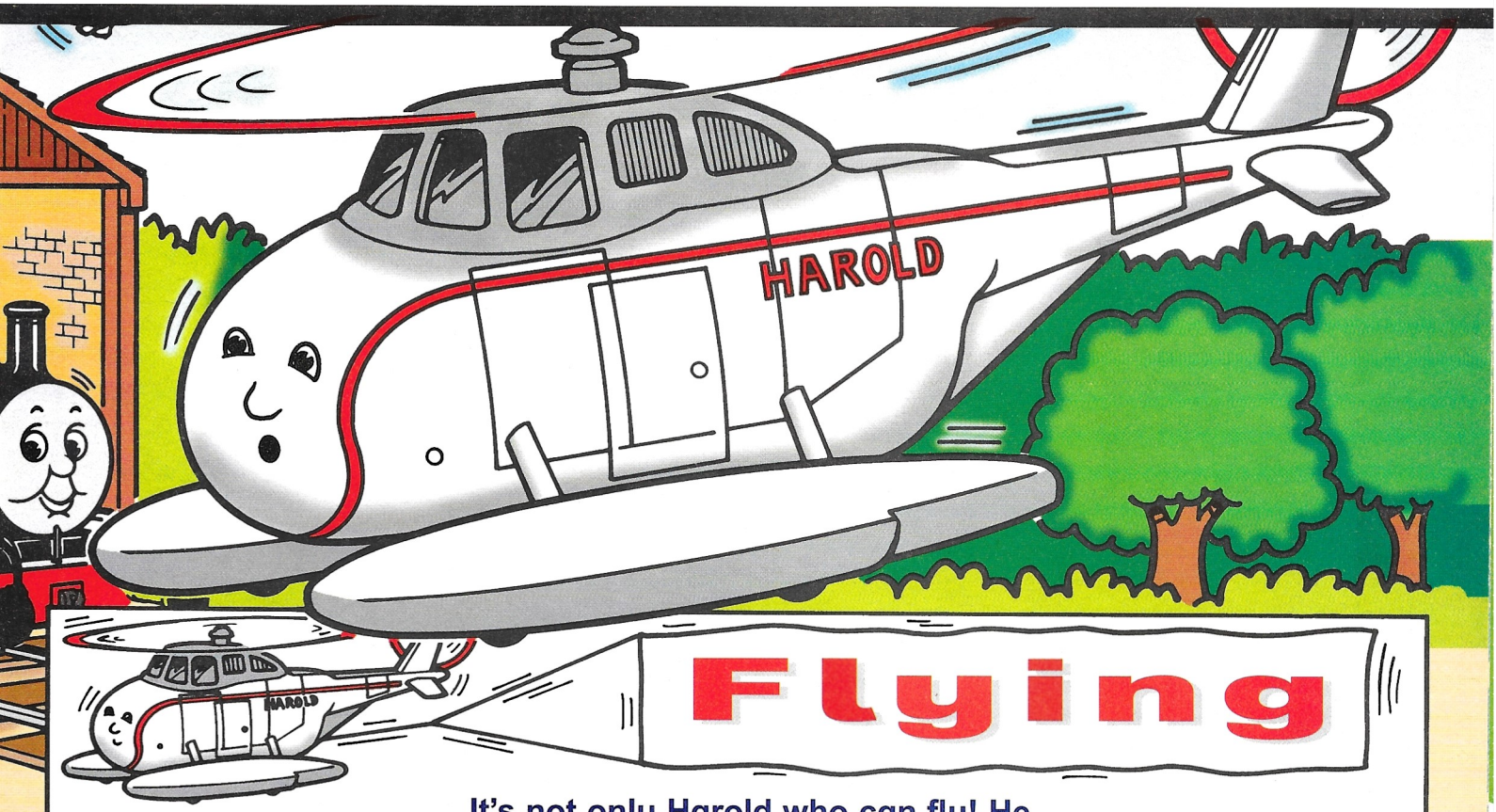
Suddenly, Harold flew by



on his way back to the airfield. Imagine his surprise when he saw Thomas.

"Hovering helicopters! You are in the air!" called Harold.

"Yes, I am!" smiled Thomas. "I'm nearly flying, after all!"



Flying

It's not only Harold who can fly! He also has other friends in the sky! What else can fly around the island of Sodor? Look at the pictures below and write down their names.

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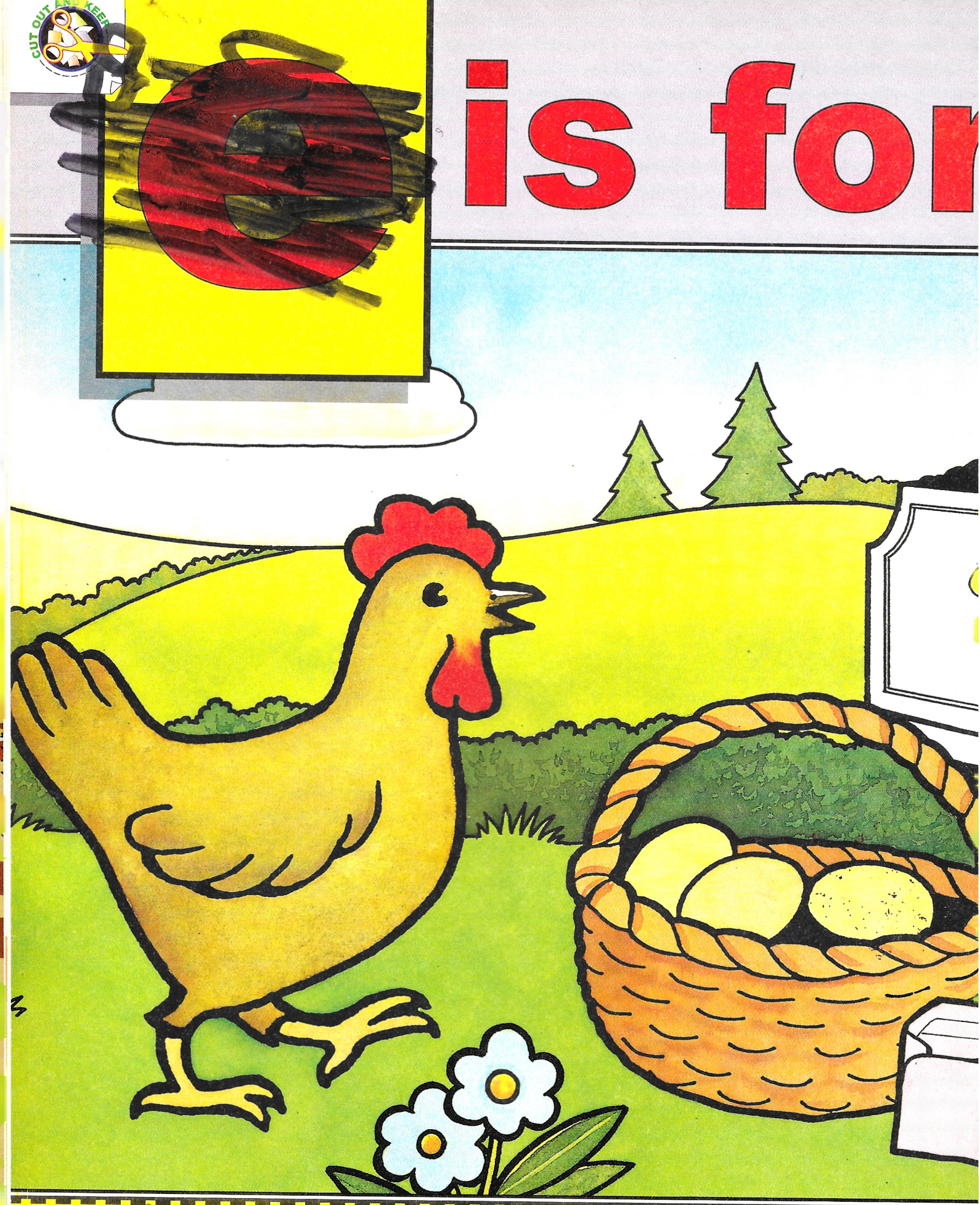
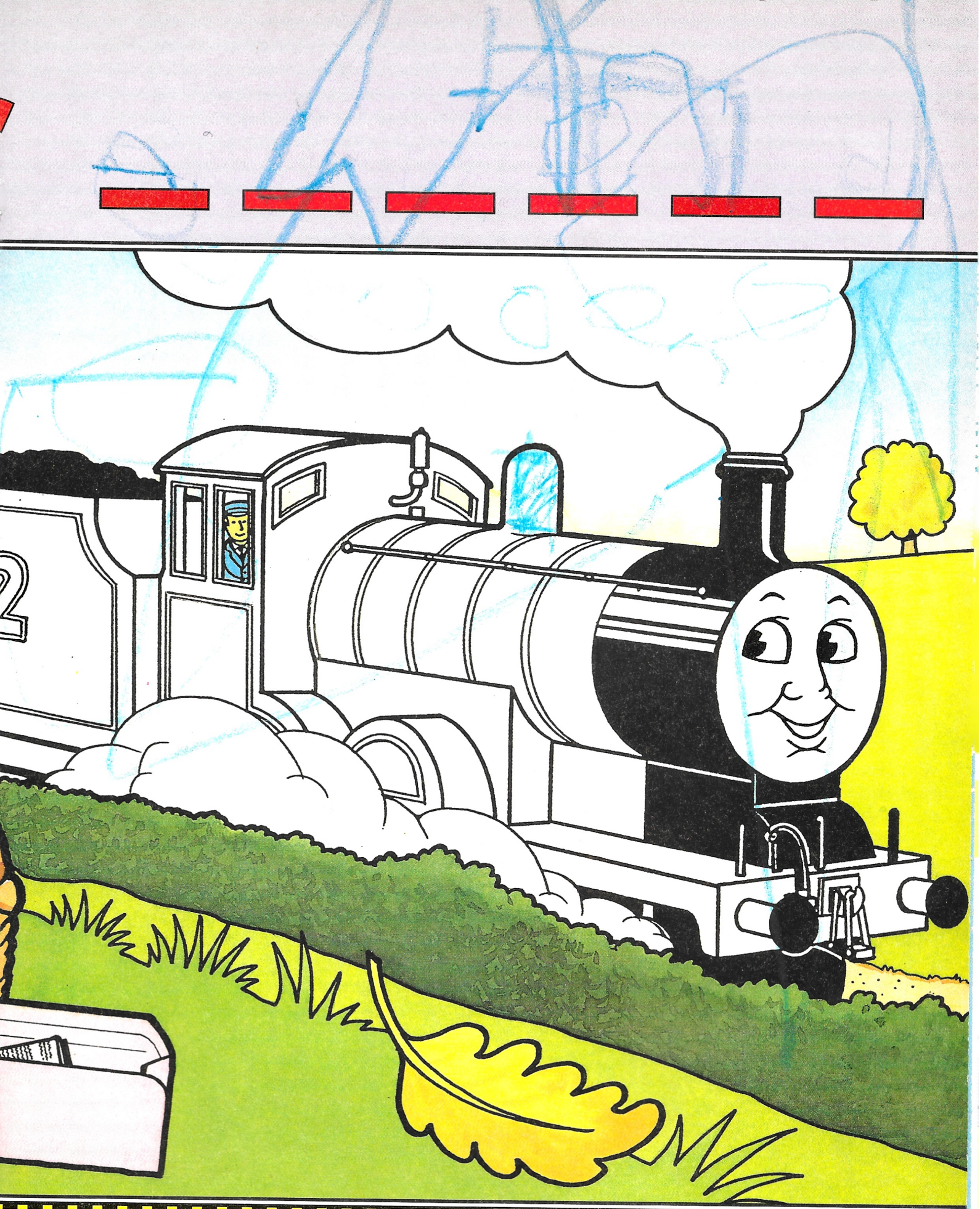
Answers: Plane, Kite, Bird, Butterfly.



Colour in Edward the blue engine!
How many red stripes does he have?
What is he puffing past?
What is in the basket?

How many eggs can you cou
Point to the cockerel!
What colour is the envelope?
Point to the big leaf!



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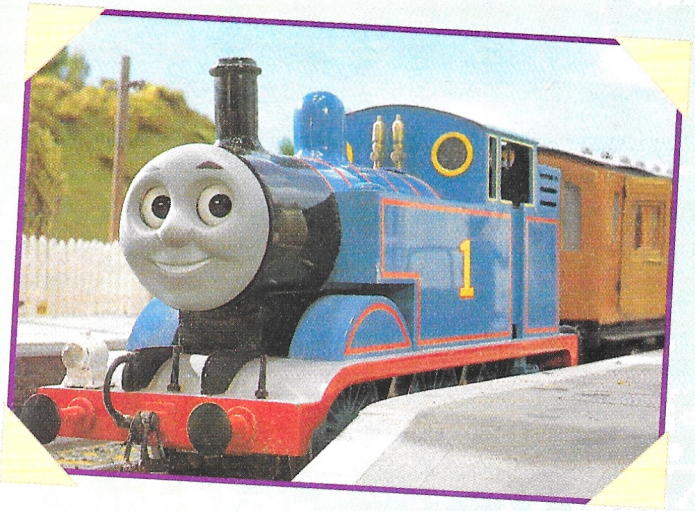
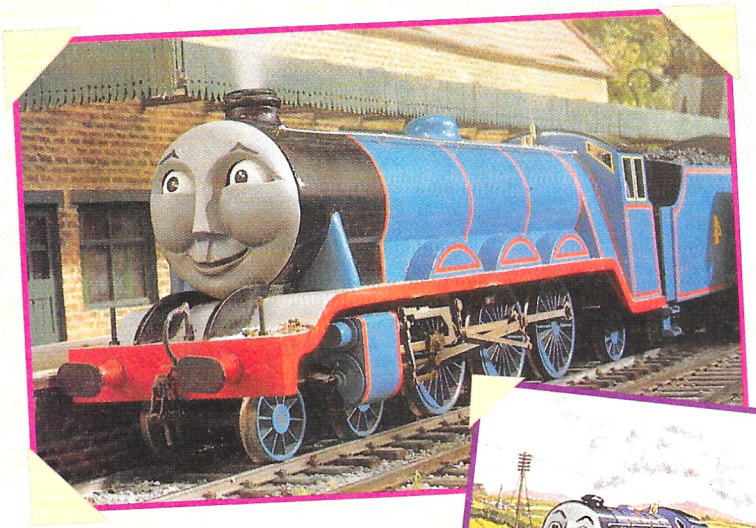
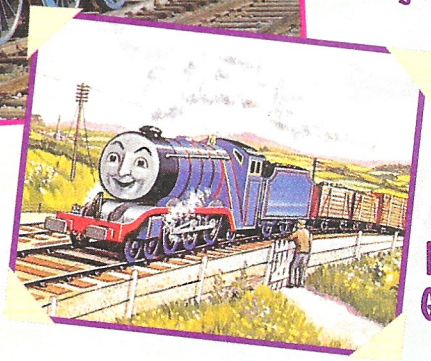
Thomas the Tank Engine;
Thomas originally came from the London Brighton and South Coast Railway. He was working at Wellsworth when he first met his great friend, the Fat Controller. The railway director got to know Thomas better than the other engines because he would greet him each morning on the station platform. Thomas became one of the Fat Controller's most useful engines after he learned how to cope with the troublesome trucks.



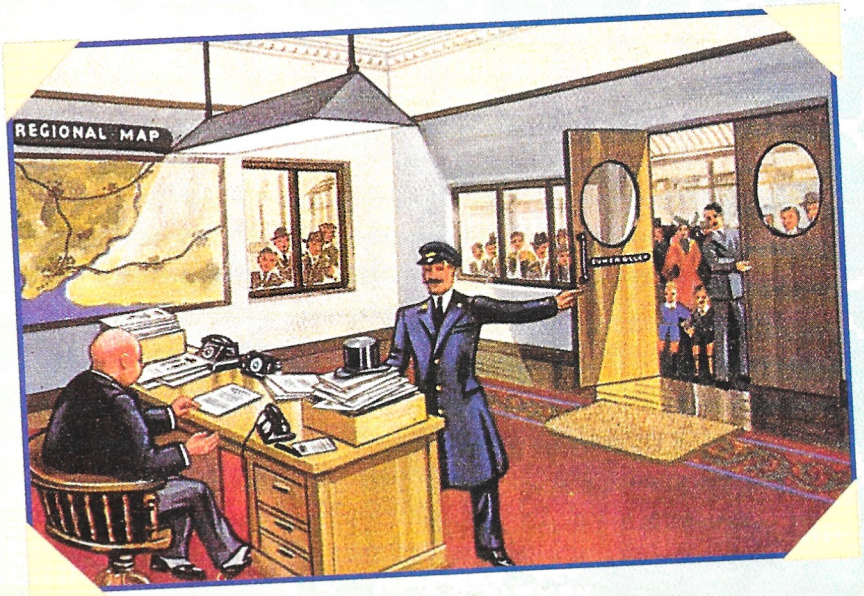


Gordon, the Big Express Engine;
Gordon is the fastest and most powerful engine. He is also the most senior member of the engine family. Gordon is always really busy, but he will always find time to help the smaller engines get out of trouble.

When Gordon first came to the Island of Sodor, he had to stop halfway up a very steep hill near Edward's station. The hill later became known as Gordon's Hill!

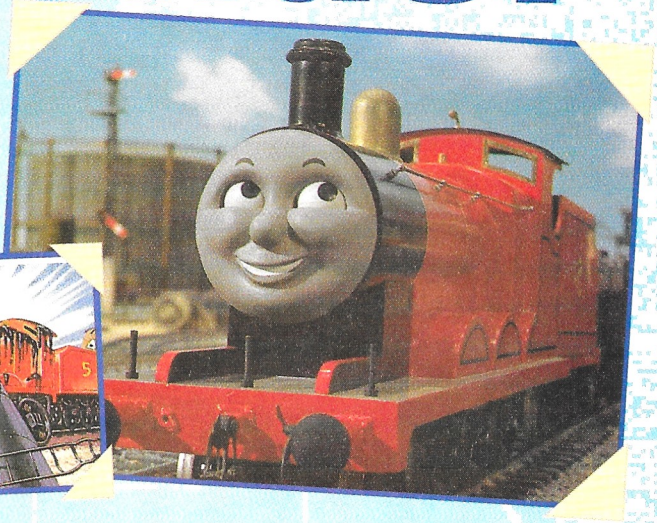


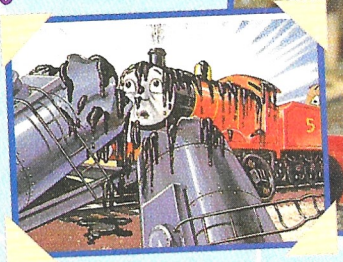
Sir Topham Hatt, (the Fat Controller);
The Fat Controller first worked on the Island of Sodor as a railway engineer at Tidmouth. He became the manager of the railway after he joined the North Western Railway Company. The Fat Controller is well loved by everyone on the Island. Not only does he run the railway efficiently, but he is kind to his engines and railway staff.

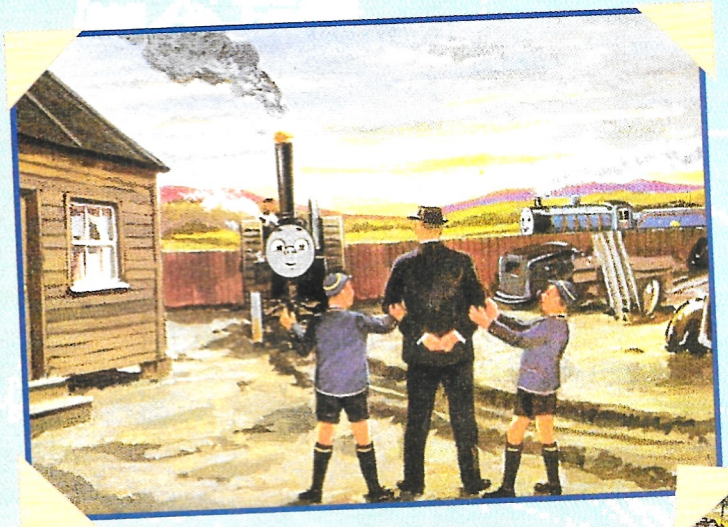


d his friends!

James the Red Engine;
James is bright red with a shiny, yellow brass dome. He is very proud of his paintwork and prefers to be given very important jobs to do. Sometimes James's pride gets him into trouble, especially when he thinks he's got the better of the troublesome trucks. Once, the trucks caught him off guard and pushed him so hard that he ran into two tar wagons at the foot of Gordon's Hill.

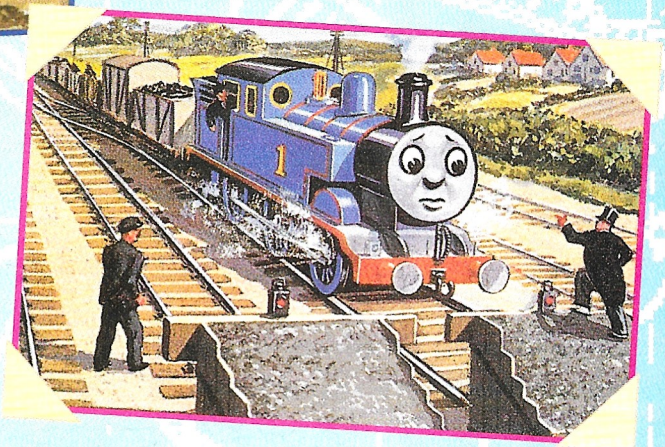


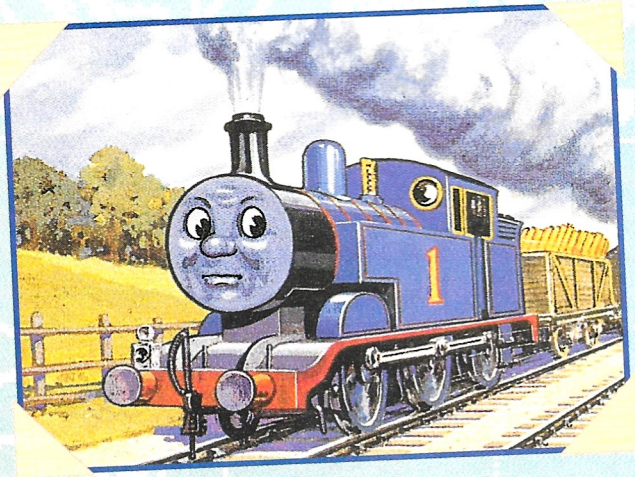




Wellsworth (otherwise known as 'Edward's Station') is a pleasant seaside town. It got its name from a well in the grounds of the old nunnery. It was the Vicar of Wellsworth who saved Trevor the Traction Engine from being sent to the scrap yard. The Vicar and Trevor became very good friends and the happy traction engine is now able to saw wood and give the local children rides around the vicarage orchard.

The brass band often play at Wellsworth town hall and are always warmly welcomed by the Mayor. Thomas met the Fat Controller for the very first time at Wellsworth when he brought Edward's trucks there.





Ffarquhar is a peaceful farming town. Most of the farms around Ffarquhar are dairy farms with herds of cows that are kept for their milk. Because of this, there is a very busy dairy at Elsbridge. The Ffarquhar Quarry Company supply stone to the Island of Sodor and Toby's line crosses the main road behind Ffarquhar Station.

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Thomas Toys Competition!

Part 1

win! win! win! win

Our exciting 2-part competition begins here! Our lucky prize winner will receive the complete collection of Ertl's Thomas Pre-school toys. Just look at the picture and see what you could win! What would you play with first? Your Thomas sit'n'ride walker, your musical night light, your remote control engine? What a choice!

We know you want to enter this amazing competition right now, but you'll have to wait for part two, in our next issue. We'll tell you exactly how to enter then. For now, cut out and keep the token on this page. You'll need it to enter. Good luck for next time!

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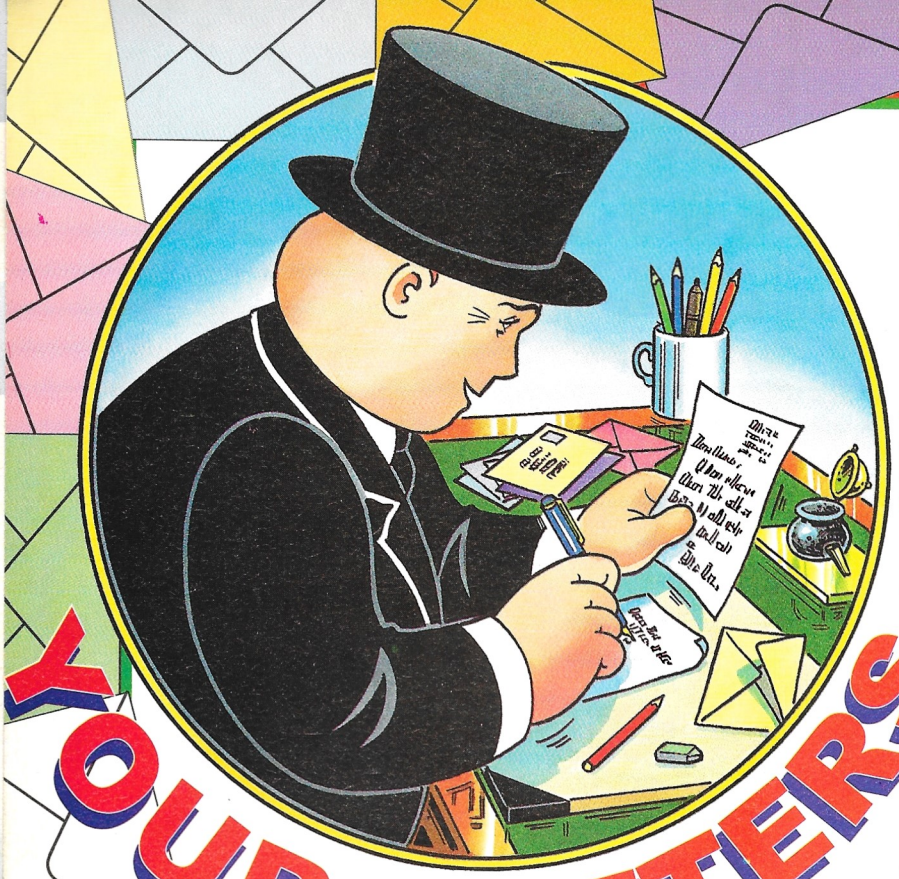


YOUR LETTERS

The sender of any letter that is printed as our STAR LETTER will win one of these Thomas Pre-school toys!

STAR LETTER!

THOMAS'S FRIENDS!

Dear Fat Controller,
When my Nana, Grandad and I take our dog Penny for a walk, we sometimes see Thomas going over the railway bridge. I always wave and say 'hello!'.
Love from **Michael Davies**, aged 2.
Your letter reminds me of the time when I first met Thomas at Wellsworth. I always said 'hello' to him when I was going to catch my early morning train!

ENGINE SPARKLE!

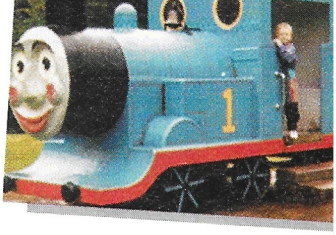
Dear Fat Controller,
I love all your engines very much! How do you keep them clean and bright? Do you polish them every day?
Love from Paul, aged 3.
All the busy railway engines are brushed and sprayed in the maintenance yard each morning, before they begin their daily schedules!

G.W.R. ENGINE!

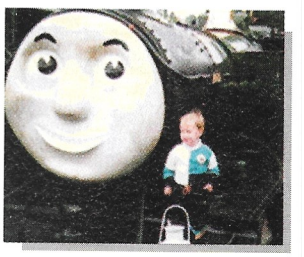
Dear Fat Controller,
I would like to know if Oliver is a Great Western Railway Engine, like Duck?
Love from James, aged 5.
Yes indeed! Oliver is no 11 on my railway, but he has also carried his G.W.R. plate since his days of working on the mainland.

ALL ABOARD!

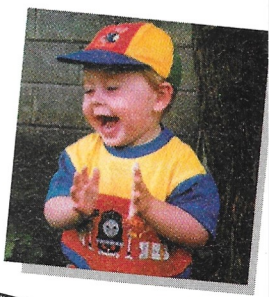
Dear Fat Controller,
I recently visited 'Story Book Glen' near Aberdeen and I was pleased with their new Thomas the Tank Engine model. I enjoyed climbing aboard Thomas and ringing his bell! I hope you like the photograph my mummy took of me!
Lots of love from **Ross Gray**, aged 4.



Dear Fat Controller,
I had a lovely day out last week when my mummy and daddy took me to see you and the engines at Paignton in Devon. This is a photograph of me standing on Henry the Green Engine. Henry enjoyed having his photograph taken too!
Lots of love from **Jordan**, aged 2.



Dafydd Rhys Williams celebrated his second birthday this November! Dafydd is a number one fan of Thomas the Tank Engine.



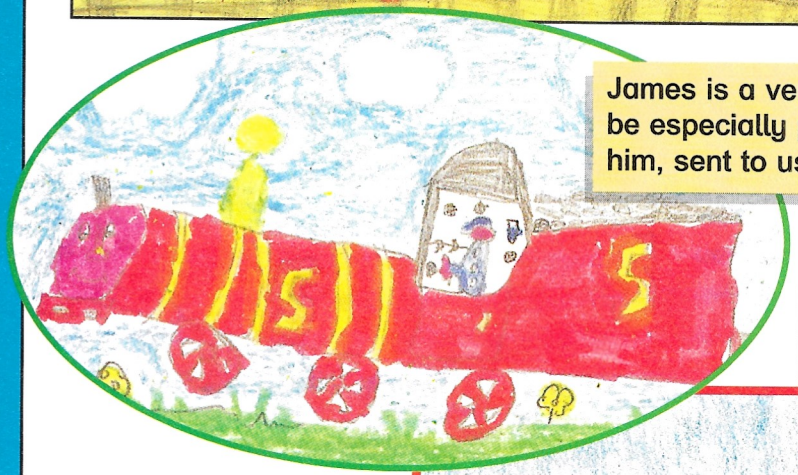
BIRTHDAYS!

Birthday greetings go out to...
Carla Michelle Whitehead, Andrew Price, Christopher Wilson, Dylan Bond, James Scoot, David Walker, Caitlin Shardlow, Talan Richards, Nathaniel Luke Senior, Benjamin Hawling, Nicholas Cameron and Dafydd Rhys Williams (see picture).

Drawing Board!

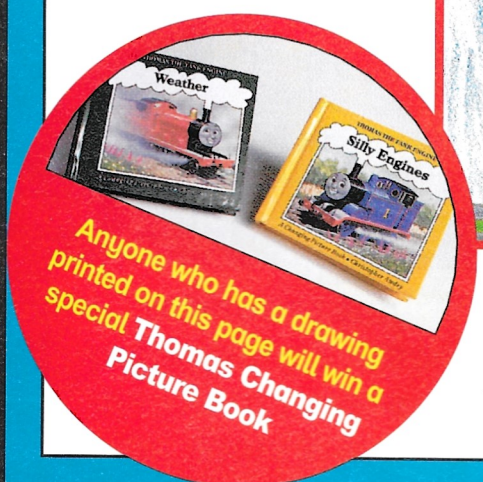
Thank you for sending your smashing drawings and pictures to the Fat Controller's Drawing Board!

Harold the Helicopter is racing Thomas along Thomas's branch line. Who will reach Wellsworth town first? This great picture was sent to us by **Niall Naper**, aged 7.



James is a very proud engine and he will be especially pleased with this picture of him, sent to us by **Steven Cooper**, aged 6.

Our warmest congratulations go out to **Darren Jones**, aged 7, who has coloured Thomas's blue, red and yellow colours very neatly indeed!



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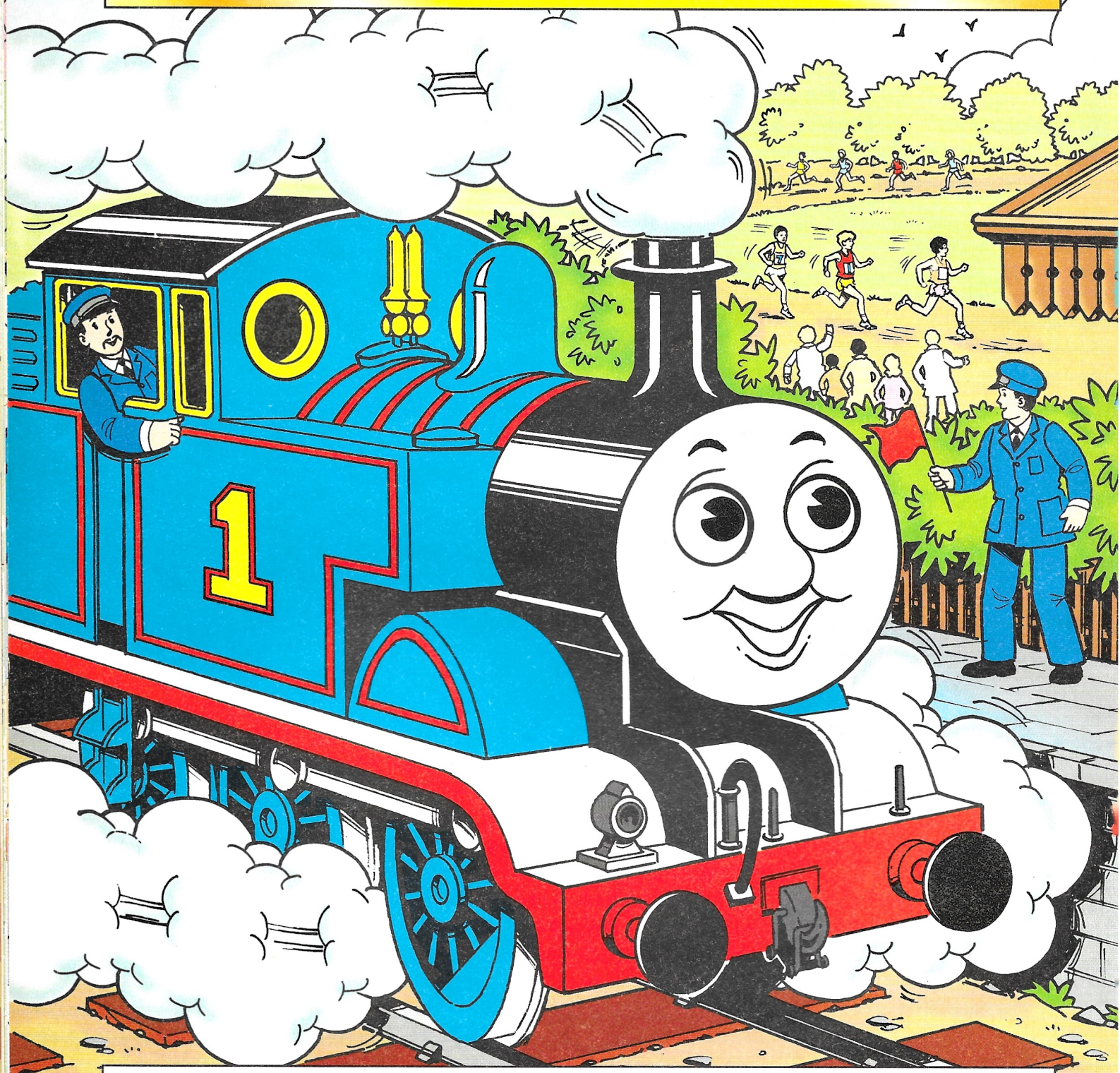
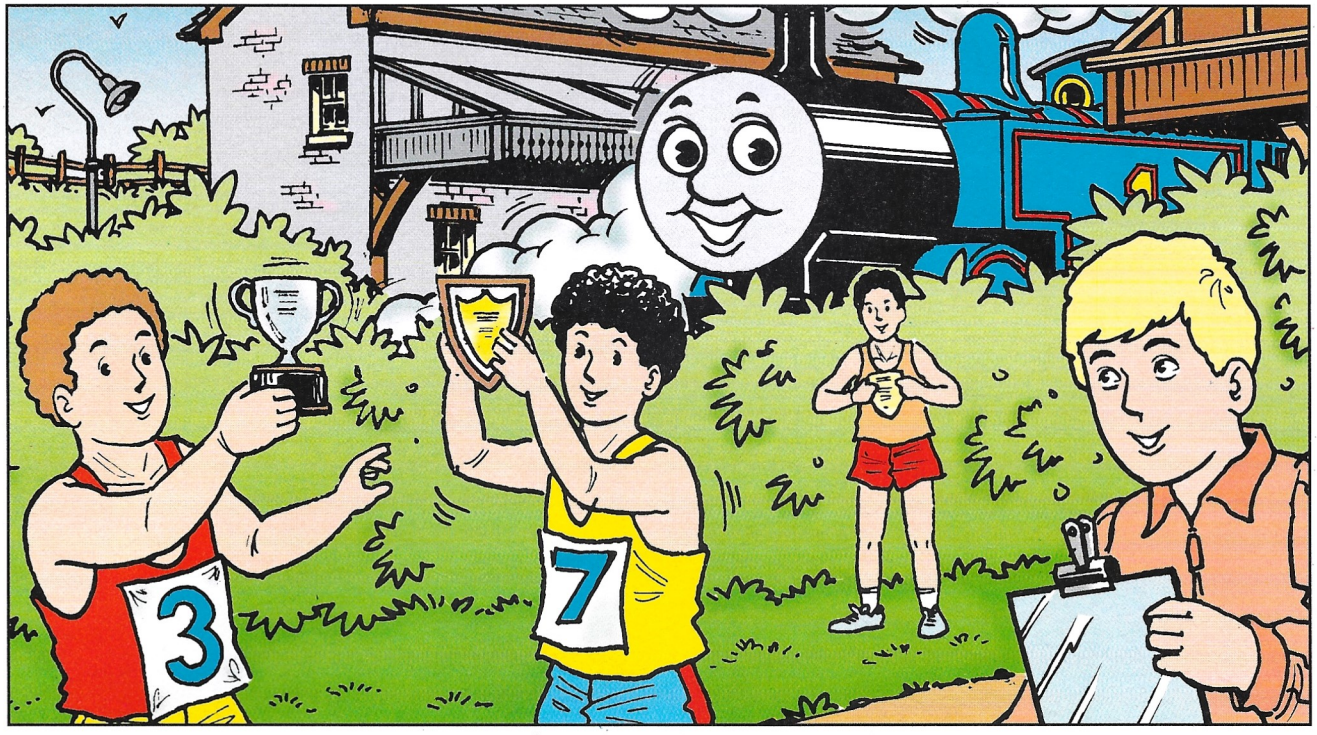
The rescue run!



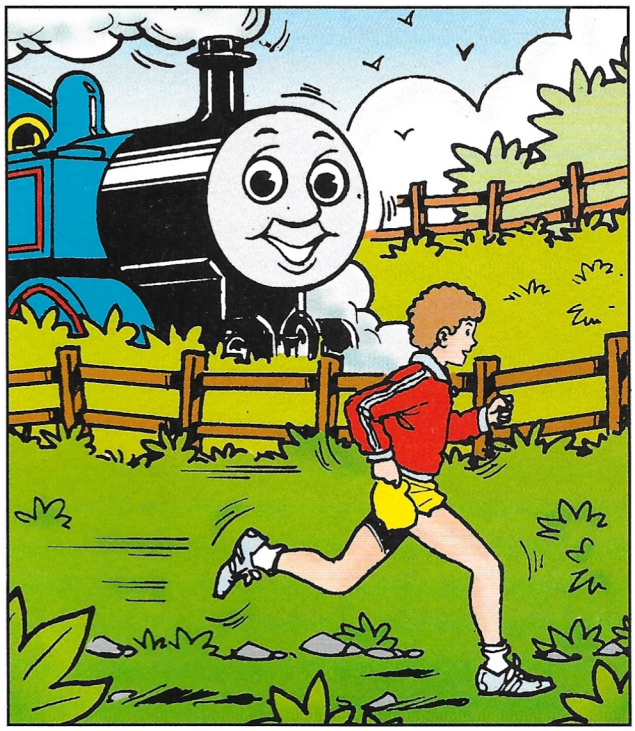
1. As Thomas pulled out of Wellsworth Station, one afternoon, he saw runners taking part in a sports meeting at a nearby park.

2. As they raced around a track, a big crowd cheered them on. "How exciting!" thought Thomas, before he puffed on his way again.



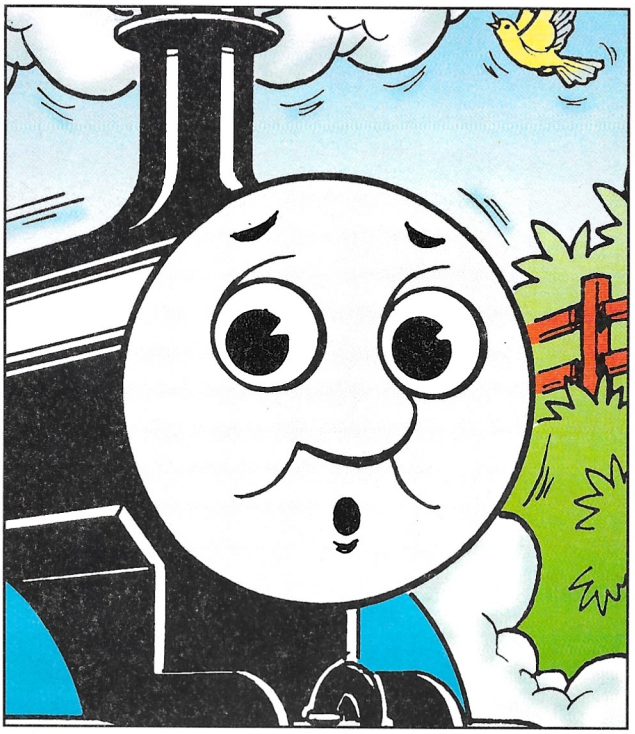
3. Later, he returned to see the races had ended. A few of the runners proudly held up shiny shields or cups. Thomas wondered why.

4. "They are grand prizes given to the runners who went the fastest and won their races," the driver explained to Thomas.



5. Next morning, Thomas was pulling a goods train through the countryside on his branch line. Then he spotted one of the runners.

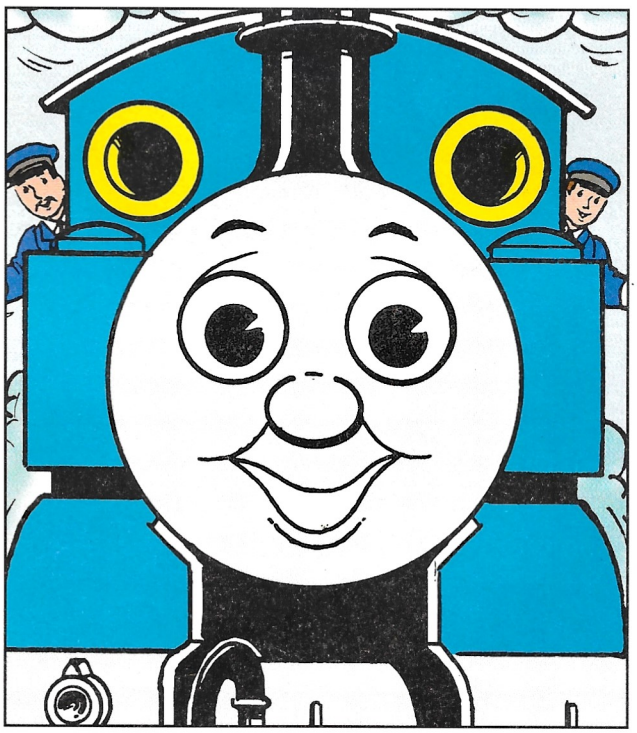
6. "Why is he running out here and not on a track?" asked Thomas. "He must be training for another race!" said the driver.



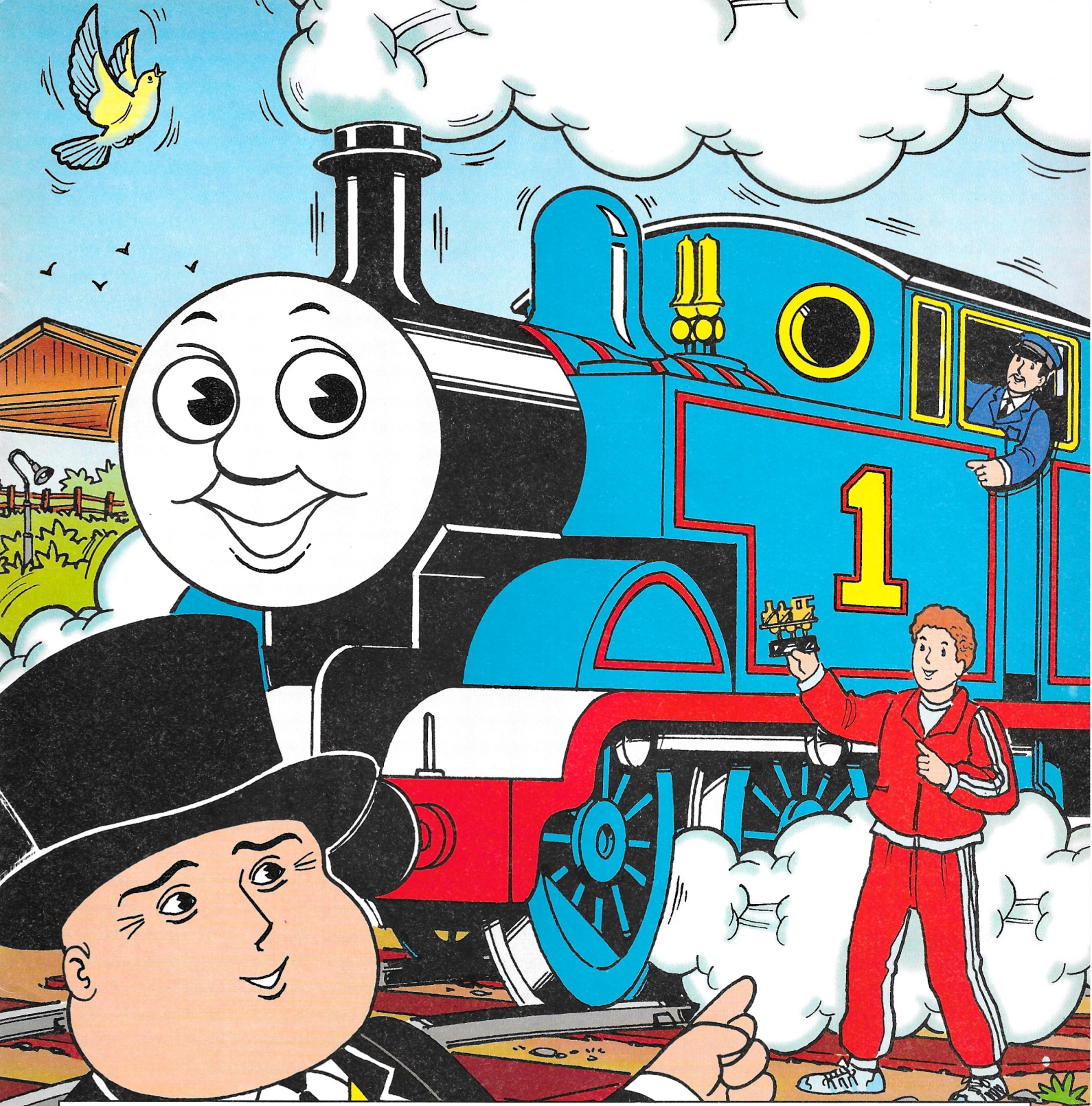
7. That moment, the runner tripped and fell over. At first, he did not move. Thomas was worried. "We must help him!" he cried.

8. Thomas braked hard. His driver and fireman hurried over to the runner who sat up. "I've hurt my ankle!" he said. "I can't walk!"

9. The runner was carried to Thomas, then carefully lifted up into the guard's van. "We must get him to hospital," said his driver.

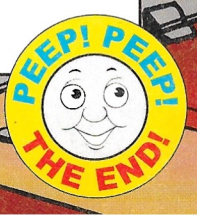


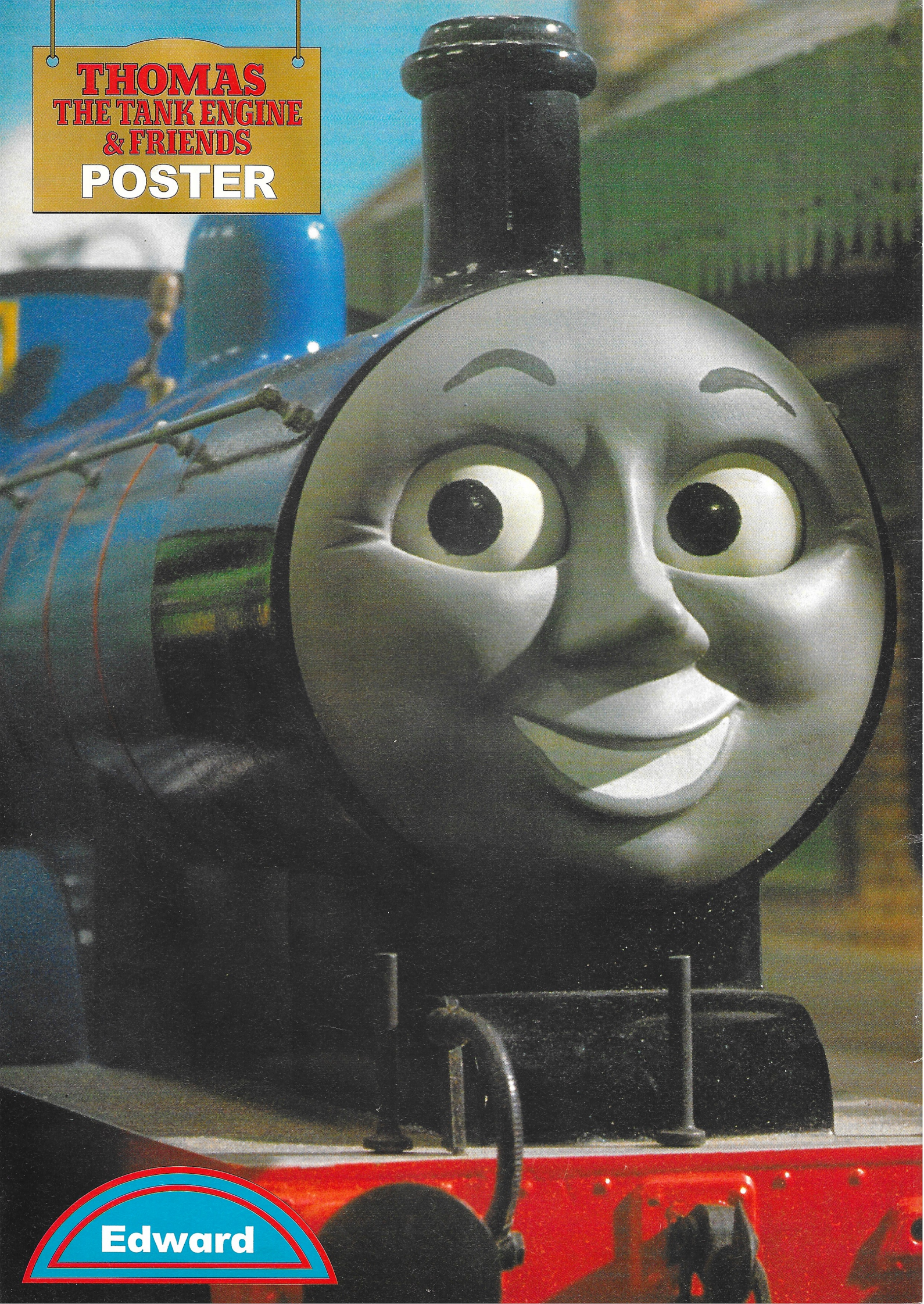
10. Luckily, it was close to the next station along the line. "Peep! Peep! Off we go!" whistled Thomas as he puffed urgently away.



11. His fireman shovelled coal into Thomas's firebox to give him more steam. Soon he was racing along. 'Clackety-clack!' went his whizzing wheels. At last Thomas rolled into the station. The stationmaster rang for an ambulance and the runner was driven off.

12. That night, Thomas's fast run was the talk of the engine shed. Next day, the runner came to the Main Station. "My ankle is badly bruised but will soon be better!" he said. He gave Thomas a special trophy. "That's for racing to my rescue!" he smiled.

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